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Dear Sir:

Upon review of our records and any available PAIR record, it appears there has been no action in the above-referenced application since the application was published on March 6, 2006.

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